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Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions concerning the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and its resolutions on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 1/

Reiterating the importance of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, which is one of the most widely accepted human rights instruments adopted under the auspices of the United Nations,

Aware of the importance of the contributions of the Committee to the efforts of the United Nations to combat racism and all other forms of discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin,

Reiterating once again the need to intensify the struggle for the elimination of racism and racial discrimination throughout the world, especially its most brutal forms,

Emphasizing the obligation of all States parties to the Convention to take legislative, judicial and other measures in order to secure full implementation of the provisions of the Convention,

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1/ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

Bearing in mind the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, 2/ adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993, in particular part II, section B, relating to equality, dignity and tolerance,

Calling upon States parties expeditiously to notify the Secretary-General in writing of their agreement to the amendment to the Convention regarding the financing of the Committee, as decided upon at the meeting of States parties on 15 January 1992 and set out in General Assembly resolution 47/111 of 16 December 1992,

Welcoming efforts of the Secretary-General to ensure interim financial arrangements for the financing of the expenses incurred by the Committee,

Stressing the importance of enabling the Committee to function smoothly and to have all necessary facilities for the effective performance of its functions under the Convention,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee, 3/

1. Commends the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination for its work with regard to the implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination 1/ and the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination 4/ and its contribution to the preparation of a Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

2. Welcomes the innovatory procedures adopted by the Committee for reviewing the implementation of the Convention in States whose reports are overdue and for formulating concluding observations on State party reports;

3. Welcomes also the general recommendations adopted by the Committee which concretize the obligations of States parties with regard to the provisions of the Convention, especially General Recommendation XII (42) on successor States and General Recommendation XV (42) on article 4 of the Convention; 5/

4. Encourages the Committee to continue to exert its efforts to enhance its contributions in the area of prevention of racial discrimination, including early warning and urgent procedures;

5. Expresses its profound concern at the fact that a number of States parties to the Convention still have not fulfilled their financial obligations as shown in the report of the Secretary-General; 3/

2/ A/CONF.157/23.

3/ A/48/439.

4/ Resolution 38/14, annex.

5/ See A/48/18, chap. VIII.B.

6. Remains fully aware of the fact that such a situation may lead to a further delay in the discharge of its substantive obligations by the Committee under the Convention;

7. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Committee on the work of its forty-second and forty-third sessions; 6/

8. Urges States parties to accelerate their domestic ratification procedures with regard to the amendment concerning the financing of the Committee;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to ensure adequate financial arrangements and appropriate means to enable the functioning of the Committee;

10. Calls upon States parties to fulfil their obligations under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention, to submit in due time their periodic reports on measures taken to implement the Convention and to pay their outstanding contributions and, if possible, their contributions for 1994 before 1 February 1994, so as to enable the Committee to meet regularly;

11. Strongly appeals to all States parties, especially those in arrears, to fulfil their financial obligations under article 8, paragraph 6, of the Convention;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to invite those States parties which are in arrears to pay the amounts in arrears, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session;

13. Decides to consider at its forty-ninth session, under the item entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination" the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee and the report of the Committee.

6/ A/48/18.